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## News of Washington.

### BRANCH OF THE Y. M. C. A. ORGANIZED.

#### DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC.

The eastern section of the city has at last formed a Y. M. C. A. For several years a few of the far-sighted business men have hoped that something could be done for our young men of this section, and finally this struggle to help the young men has culminated in a victory.

At present the Y. M. C. A. is located on Virginia avenue, near Sixth street, as temporary quarters. About three hundred members have already joined and the outlook for the future is exceedingly bright. The hours are between three and six for boys and in the evening it is exclusively for men. The membership fee is \$5 for men and two dollars for boys. Judge William H. De Lacy, of the Juvenile Court, and General Secretary William Knowles Cooper were among the prominent visitors.

All the original "V. D. B." Lincoln pennies, which aroused such wide interest because of the prominence of Designer Brenner's initials on them, and the subsequent change of plates to make the initials less conspicuous, have passed entirely into the public's hands. There were 28,328,000 of them issued, and not a cent of that issue is left in the Treasury.

Mrs. Arthur C. Proctor and Mrs. Daniel Slattery were the hosts at a large Halloween party given at the home of the former, 1349 Massachusetts avenue southeast, last Saturday evening. The house was most beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, pumpkins, owls and other hallowe'en fancies. The guests were Dr. Steltz and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mofcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. William Thurber, Mr. and Mrs. E. Belt, Mrs. William Bobb and Mrs. H. Duvall, Misses Emma and Marie Kettler, Miss Mabel Allen, Miss Mary Slater and Miss Agnes Jesse; Dr. Carl Kettler, Mr. Ernest Thorn, Mr. Walter Proctor, Mr. Arne Solen, Mr. William Bobb and Master Bobb Slattery.

### C. A. COTTERILL PROMOTED-MADE DAY MANAGER OF WASHINGTON BUREAU.

We are glad to congratulate Mr. Cotterill on his appointment as day manager of the Washington office of the Associated Press.

Mr. Cotterill has been connected with news gathering for the past ten years and is recognized as a thorough newspaper man. His connection with the Schley court of inquiry, his travel with our late President, and his accompanying William J. Bryan on his tour over the country has given to him a national reputation.

### NEW TWELVE-CENT STAMP APPROVED BY POSTMASTER GENERAL HITCHCOCK.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has approved the issue of a twelve-cent postage stamp. With the increase of the registry fee to 10 cents such a stamp is said to be needed to cover the registration and a single rate of letter postage.

The new stamp will bear a profile portrait of Washington from Houdon's celebrated bust. The



How Do You Like My New Dress?

background and border design are the same as on the remaining stamps of the new series, the head appearing within an ellipse on end, with laurel leaves on either side. The color of the stamp has not yet been definitely decided upon.

### RECLAMATION OF FLATS SUBJECT OF GEORGETOWN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

"The necessity of having the Anacostia flats reclaimed was brought up and discussed at some length. It was pointed out by several speakers that the flats in the present condition are a menace to the health of the persons living in the vicinity and are an eyesore to the National Capital.

"At the close of the addresses a resolution was adopted asking the Commissioners to continue their efforts to get Congress to advance the funds required to purchase and reclaim the flats."

### The World's Happenings.

#### FERRER DISOWNS DAUGHTER WHO PLEADED FOR HIS LIFE.

A dispatch from Barcelona to the *Matin* says the will of Prof. Ferrer, who was executed a few days ago, disinherits his daughter in favor of Portet, his associate, who now resides in Liverpool, and Soledad Villafranca, who has been variously referred to as his second wife and his "friend." Ferrer specially disowned his daughters in his will.

### DEATH TOLL OF RAILWAYS

A decrease in the number of casualties on American railroads for the year ended June 30, 1909, is shown by a report issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

During the year 2,791 persons were killed and 63,920 were injured on railroads, as against 3,764 killed and 68,869 injured during the previous year.

The total number of collisions and derailments during the second quarter of 1909 was 2,100, and the damage to cars, engines and roadways was \$1,703,642.

### BELL RINGER FOR 70 YEARS

Mr. John Skinner, aged 86, assisted in the ringing of two peals on Broadway bells last week in celebration of his birthday. He has rung at all the principal events of the period at Exeter Cathedral for upward of seventy years, including Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838, her wedding in 1840, both her jubilees, and King Edward's birth and coronation. He is believed to be the oldest ringer in the country.—*London Standard*.

Britain falls off 20 per cent in liquor consumed or about 8,000,000 gallons, as the result of the budget.

### FURNITURE TO COST MORE.

An advance of 10 per cent in the price of furniture from manufacturer to dealer may be looked for, taking effect with the opening of the spring season in January. The reasons given for the advance are that all the raw materials cost more than they did six months ago and that the labor cost is increasing. Mahogany, it is stated, has advanced 10 to 15 per cent since July, due to the curtailment in the supply and the increased demand. Oak, which is second to mahogany in furniture construction, has advanced to such a degree that it is almost on the mahogany level, and is steadily becoming more scarce. Mirror plates will be higher. The glass manufacturers and importers have not given out their lists for the coming year, but they are refusing to renew contracts on the old basis. Furniture hardware also costs more.

In what contrary ways is the evil of intoxication fought? A great many people believe in the closing of saloons, and in the removal of the bar. The United States Steel Corporation takes the contrary view. With the saloons closed its workmen buy liquor in bulk and debauch themselves in their own homes until they are unfit to work. The company therefore proposes to open saloons, and to regulate them so as to discourage drunkenness. The saloon as a cure for intoxication is a new idea.

### OUR NEW DRESS.

Every young lady looks forward to the day when parents are to purchase for them a new dress. The *Weekly News* has in that same way looked beyond to the fulfilling of the promise that a new dress would some day adorn the already beautiful maiden.

We are proud of our young daughter, who has shown such patience in waiting for this costly dress which she wears today.

We are pleased to say that this dress was not purchased with money given as charity, but bought with money earned in a business way.

Our advertisers speak well of us. Trade is coming in their direction, and the suburbs and eastern section of our city are waking up to the great value a newspaper such as the "Weekly News," the home paper, is to these sections of our beautiful city. And it is well to note the intense interest which is shown by the people of our eastern section to our newspaper enterprise. Hundreds of subscribers have been pouring in from the people of Anacostia and Congress Heights during the past few weeks. So it is only just that our lady should have a new dress, and besides our people are glad she has been so patient and has stood the test. We take off our hats today and say there is nothing too good for our new enterprise, "The Weekly News." And to add to all the good things, we wish to state at this time our good fortune in securing for this publication one who knows how to dress well a paper in his able and well thought out cartoons, Mr. Will H. Chandler, director of the Washington School of Illustrating, and therefore comes to us not as a novice, but one who has back of him 30 years of experience.

### CAN THE BLACK MAN STAND ALONE?

Once freed from its present entanglements, no friend of the negro need be apprehensive about Liberia's future. The republic is rich in its soil and in undeveloped resources; it has a strong national spirit and a peace-loving population, and it has men endowed with the qualities of leadership—plenty of men.—Edgar Allen Forbes, in *October World's Work*.

## ANACOSTIA

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eskridge have returned from their bridal tour, and are now located with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. McAndrews, on Nichols avenue.

A very pretty autumn wedding occurred Wednesday, October 27, at the Methodist church, corner Fourteenth and U streets, when Miss Elsie Pumphrey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pumphrey, became the wife of Mr. William N. King, of Anacostia. The church was beautifully decorated with autumn foliage and flowers suitable of the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Bird. Miss Edith Pyles presided at the organ, assisted by Mr. J. Taylor Branson, as violinist. Mrs. William Randolph Lowe, of Norfolk, Va., was the matron of honor and Mr. George S. King, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Dr. Joseph Mundell, Bradford Marsh, Benjamin Mundell and Samuel Pumphrey, brother of the bride. After a reception at the home of the bride, composed of near friends and relatives the couple left for a northern wedding trip. Upon their return will reside at 216 Nichols avenue southeast, Anacostia.

### ANNUAL VISITATION OF ANACOSTIA, NO. 21, F. A. A. M.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the officers of the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., of the District of Columbia, paid Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F. A. A. M., its annual visitation Monday evening, November 1. The lodge room was handsomely decorated for the occasion by Mr. A. Gude, past master of the lodge. The music was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Henry Tavenner. The lodge quartette, composed of Messrs. Charles Roberts, M. J. Fillins, H. Copes and Samuel Pumphrey, rendered several selections which were greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Conn, of Lodge No. 14, F. A. A. M., rendered "Casey struck the ball" in a highly pleasing manner. The lodge has had a very prosperous year under the administration of Mr. Samuel Pumphrey, its worshipful master.

Elsie, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Suit, of Shannan place, who has been sick, has recovered and is out again.

Mrs. Frost, the mother of Mrs. Charles Burr, who has been quite ill at her residence, Valley place, is still confined to her room with no recovered and is out again.

The Anacostia Baptist church held their annual business meeting Tuesday night, November 2. The records show the church in a better financial condition than it has ever been since it has been in existence. The pastor, Rev. F. L. Bardens, has

been introducing to the church people system, something no church can prosper without. The pastor is fully alive and with the hearty cooperation of his people, will make Anacostia Baptist church one to be proud of. Don't forget this Sunday, the afternoon Bible school at 2:30.

Mr. Daniel Smithson has improved so rapidly that he will soon be out again.

Little Jack, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beck, has been confined to the house with rheumatism for nearly three weeks. We are glad to say that he is much better, although he is not able to be out yet.

Mrs. Ida Taylor, of Green street, has been quite ill for some time. She is still confined to her bed, although there is at present a slight improvement.

Mr. Maurice Otterback, chairman of streets and highways, has entered complaints in regard to the cleaning of the streets here. We trust that Anacostia may soon be recognized as part of the District, and as much consideration given to it as properly belongs.

The news has been fortunate in securing Mr. A. B. Breece, a student at the Georgetown University to solicit ads and subscriptions.

In the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, tomorrow evening, the sermon will be preached by District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. R. Sumwalt. Morning services in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. E. Bird. Revival services begin in this church next Sunday, November 14.

On Monday evening, Miss Dorothy Hopkins, of 1911 17th street, entertained her friends at a Halloween party. Miss Olive Hopkins, as the "Fairy Queen," furnished great amusement for the children. Miss Leola Hopkins, dressed as a ghost, met the little guests at the door.

Miss Barbara Eubank and Miss Catherine Smith added greatly to the pleasure of the evening with songs and dances.

After the usual Halloween games and a bountiful supper, the evening closed by an old-fashioned taffy pull, in which Miss Grace Pyles won the first prize for pulling the whitest taffy, and Master Charlie Hopkins the booby prize.

Among those present were the Misses Helena Koontz, Barbara Eubank, Rosie Sharper, Virginia Little, Catherine Smith, Marie Swain, Beatrice Swain, Grace Pyles, Marion Pyles, Mattie Willette, Louise Willette, Doris Richardson, Catherine Cook, Nora Cook, Dorothy Hopkins, Mabel Smith, Olive Hopkins, Leola Hopkins, Willie Bealle, Tommy Willette, Ledru Koontz, Wayne Koontz, Clarence Austin, Joseph Austin, Edward Swain, Howard Miskell, Charlie Hopkins, Russell Everett, Mrs. Miskell, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Sharper, and Mr. C. W. Hopkins.

## Property for Sale in all ..Southeast..

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